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## VICTORIA CHOSEN FOR THE NEXT CONVENTION

Was the Decision of the Delegates to Meeting of the British Columbia Mining Association.

### BUSINESS WAS FINISHED YESTERDAY

Result of Convention Is Pronounced Even A Greater Success Than Was Ever Anticipated.

J. R. Hobson, just before adjournment of Mining Convention. "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of this convention: Words, however appropriate or carefully selected, would fail to impress upon your mind the sensations that pulsate from the bottom of my heart at this moment. I consider that I would be a man of stone were I not enthused over the success of this movement. You have laid a foundation, through the adoption of the splendid constitution, that is as solid as adamant, and which will be the means of keeping this association together so long as the mines are being worked in British Columbia."

With cheers which shook the rafters of the City Hall and re-echoed to the streets, the delegates to the big mining convention which has been in progress in Victoria for upwards of two weeks, proclaimed, at 1 o'clock yesterday, the termination of their labors and heralded the satisfaction they felt at attaining a degree of success which exceeded beyond measure the aspirations of the most optimistic.

"Well, it has been a great success," "The grandest and best meeting of the kind ever held in British Columbia, or for that matter in the Dominion of Canada."

"It beats the California initial convention all to pieces."

"Victoria's all right, and we'll be here next year or sooner."

Such were the sentences caught by the reporters amidst the uproar of gratulation and handshaking as the delegates left their seats on the announcement of the chairman that the convention would stand adjourned sine die.

The concluding labors of the convention were marked by two important incidents—the announcement from Manager Tonkin, of the willingness of his company to lend every assistance to the Commission of Enquiry which is to proceed at once to Fernie in an attempt to settle the disastrous coal strike, and the determination, unanimously arrived at, to select Victoria as the point for the next convention.

With the conclusion of their labors the majority of the delegates dispersed to their homes yesterday evening. The members of the commission appointed by the convention to endeavor to settle the coal strike at Fernie do not believe they will be able to assemble at that point until the latter part of the week. The convention is held on all sides that there is every reason to expect that their mission will be crowned with success.

A feature of the concluding session was the noteworthy manner in which opportunity was taken to compliment the members of the committee on which it has entertained the visitors. Praise for the hospitality of the people, the energy displayed by the provisional executive to make the affair a success, and of the chairman and secretary of the convention, in the face of the adverse conditions of the place were outpoured in pleasing lavishness and words of unexcelled eloquence.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 and the routine of Saturday's session was read and adopted.

The chairman announced that the Minister of Lands and Works had sent for the boiler inspector to come to the city at once to confer with the government in respect to the objections to the provisions of the boiler inspection act. (Applause.)

The chairman next pointed out that it was hoped to be able to conclude all business by noon, but he went on to say it was important that this should be over as it was desirable that the delegates forming the commission of enquiry into the coal strike at Fernie should leave on the Majesty that evening for the scene of their labors. He had not yet possessed of information regarding how the mine laborers at Fernie would view such a move; but as he noticed Mr. Tonkin, manager of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, in the audience, he would ask that gentleman to state whether or not he would, on behalf of the company, accept the good offices of the commission. (Applause.)

Manager Tonkin, on rising, was greeted with applause. He pointed out that he was unfortunately absent when the convention had discussed the appointment of a commission of enquiry, or he would have seized an earlier occasion to express his views; but he would at once thank the convention for the very great interest that it had taken in the matter, and say that it would afford him very great pleasure to heartily co-operate with the commission and offer every facility to carry out the objects of its mission. The books of the coal company would be thrown open to the commission and every other information he given which might be asked for. Personally he was very much pleased that the convention had decided to appoint such a commission. (Applause.)

Mr. Seaman, Rossland, a delegate from the Rossland Miners' union, believed that the men would welcome the appointment of a commission that early settlement would be arrived at. No matter what was the result, one thing was certain—the public would be informed just who was to blame in the strike which was working disaster to the whole country. He thanked the convention on behalf of the working miners of the country for the splendid way in which it had dealt with such an important matter. (Applause.)

Mr. Hunter, a delegate from the Columbia, bearing upon the placer industry. Referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Hirschfeld presented the following resolution:

"That the provincial government procure the services of a reliable and competent geologist to report during the present season on the geological conditions and mineral resources."

Mr. Hobson asked that it be referred to the executive committee. Carried.

Smith Curtis, seconded by Mr. Hildebrand, moved the following resolution:

"Whereas, the coal and coke supply from the Crow's Nest coal mines has proven quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the smelters and miners in British Columbia, whereby the output of the mines particularly the copper mines of the Kootenay and the gold-copper mines of Rossland during the past and present year, have been and are much curtailed;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the Dominion government be requested to take steps for the immediate opening of coal mines on the part of the 5,000 acres held by it in Southeast Kootenay, under such provisions as will insure a large supply of coal and coke at an early date, and at a reasonable price."

Mr. Curtis said the richest and most valuable lands in the province were in the southeastern portion and under reserve. It should have been thrown open years ago. It affected the mining resources of the province to have all this rich area taken up, if the resources were thrown open taxes could be very largely reduced, relieving the burden on the farmers, and, in fact, all classes. The C. P. R. was opposed to throwing the country open. If they got the lands to which they had no right the country would lose a great deal of revenue. A company could be gotten up which would give \$5,000,000 for the very lands which the C. P. R. stand a chance of getting for nothing. No favoritism should be shown, the lands should be thrown open, and great development would be bound to take place.

Capt. Clive Philipps-Wolsey asked how Mr. Curtis could have supported crown granting of placer claims, which meant handing over a large portion of Canadian companies subsidiary to the C. P. R. His position was most inconsistent.

Mr. Pollen, Fort Steele, feared that if the land was thrown open it would be grabbed up by capitalists.

Mr. Curtis said the interests of the country were well safeguarded by the terms of his resolution.

Mr. Collis, Nicola, who was absent, forwarded a letter to be read at the convention in which he strongly favored throwing open the country.

Mr. Galt, Rossland, told of the efforts of Spokane people who had tried to get title to coal lands in Southeast Kootenay, but though they were prepared to spend large sums of money, they were informed that they were under reserve, and they decided to throw the whole matter up. Today all the lands have been occupied by others. As matters were, the doors were open to the display of favoritism by the government. He was in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Howse, Nicola, favored notice being given when the reserve was thrown open.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Givins, seconded by Mr. Gilman, moved the following resolution:

"That the convention hereby recommends the appointment by the government of an expert mining commission to examine and consider prospectuses of all newly found mining companies."

The resolution was defeated.

F. Wollaston, seconded by C. H. Arundell, proposed a resolution asking the Dominion and provincial governments to open up Indian reserves for mining purposes. Carried.

Smith Curtis moved that the Dominion government be urged to open up its 50,000 acres of coal lands at Crow's Nest as to provide an independent coal and coke supply for the province.

Mr. Gilman, of Vancouver, moved that the report of the proceedings be printed in pamphlet form. Carried. To be printed in this connection, that the government would be asked to purchase a large quantity of the pamphlets for distribution throughout the province.

A resolution favoring repeal of the act requiring foreign corporations to register power of attorney was referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Davies, Kelson, said in "his connection, that a great injury was done the country owing to foreign companies being compelled to register power of attorney. The law requires a foreign company to do so, which was impossible. In the interest of the province in general the words should be stricken out of the act. As it was the company was left to the mercy of the honesty of the agent, who might leave for parts unknown after selling the property."

On motion of Mr. Hirschfeld, the executive committee was empowered to arrange for the preparation of a design of a badge for the British Columbia Mining Association.

Moved by Ralph Smailes, seconded by Mr. Gaunce.

"Resolved, That this Association favors amendment to the Mineral Act, that where a mineral claim has been subdivided into lots and a plan recorded, in general rights only, without any right to the surface, may be offered for sale for taxes, and upon such sale being made, that the government have power to vest any surface rights that previously appertained to such mineral claim in the municipality within which it is situated, as to streets, lanes and highways, and in the lot owners as to the recorded lots owned by them respectively."

It was referred to the executive committee.

The chairman read a letter from Frank Moberly urging the importance of the question of transportation. It was referred to the executive committee.

Mr. Curtis introduced a resolution amending a resolution on the minutes of a former session, praying the Dominion government to reduce the fees on tonnage in the province from \$5 to \$1 per acre.

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## Story of "Machine"

More Members of Gang of Impersonators Tell of Corrupt Methods.

How Philip Robinson Gathered His Party to Vote For Paterson.

Witness Who Disregarded Summons to Attend a Theatrical Show.

The North Victoria impersonation case was continued before Messrs. McKelving and Pearson, justices of the peace, in the police court yesterday. Further light was let in on the expedition which went, 25 or 26 strong, to vote for Mr. Paterson at Galiano Island, each man duly instructed to vote for the member-elect and paid for the votes they cast in the names of others. Thos. McKenzie, another member of the expedition, who was called to give evidence against Philip Robinson, the alleged leader of the expedition, who is charged on several informations—with having induced men to impersonate voters at the North Victoria election, took up the tale.

Thos. McKenzie said he lived at the Europe hotel in Vancouver. He remembered the date of the North Victoria election, December 23. He knew the accused, who was known usually as Brocky Phil. He saw him on the night of December 22, when witness and two others were playing a game of cards—he forgot whether it was whist or peder—with him. Afterwards he saw a lot of strange men come in and Brocky Phil told them and witness that the boat would be in about 3 o'clock. Accused afterwards asked witness what room he stayed in. Witness replied—in No. 73. Accused said he would call witness when he was ready. Accused called witness about 2:30 a.m. Witness went to the boat, which was lying at Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf.

He knew of the scheme from Dave Coulter. Coulter had met witness five days before and explained the scheme to him. Under the provisions of the Evidence Act he could not tell what was said in this conversation, as it was not in the presence of the accused.

Mr. Cassidy—As a result of what Coulter said you knew what you were wanted for?

Witness—I knew I was wanted for something for a \$5 bill—I knew that as a result of what Coulter said.

Continuing witness said he knew Darlington now—he had not known him then. He was there in the Europe hotel. Witness was not in any of the boxes that night.

Mr. Cassidy—Well we've got you to the boat, they saw you, didn't they?

Witness—No, you've got me on the stand.

Mr. Cassidy—I mean the evidence has gone to the boat. Continuing, witness said he went down part of the way to the steamer about three or four others joined him at the end of the dock. He saw them on the boat afterwards. There were 25 or 26 on the boat altogether when she left the wharf. Brocky Phil was among them.

Mr. Cassidy—Did anything take place between you and Brocky Phil?

Witness—Yes, I went up forward to the bow of the boat and Brocky Phil gave me a slip of paper, as you saw, as gave it to me, that it would be my name for the present—until we returned to Vancouver. There was some party's name on it, and the word farmer as well as a number. I do not remember the name.

Mr. Cassidy—What was that slip given you for?

Witness—I was not told at the time—I had an idea.

Mr. Cassidy—You had an idea what the outfit was going to do?

Witness—Yes, at the time I was given the slip of paper.

Mr. Cassidy—Are you a voter in North Victoria?

Witness—No.

Mr. Cassidy—Where did the steamer go to?

Witness—She landed at some place about 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning.

Continuing, witness said the expedition went ashore. Brocky Phil—the accused—was with them. They were told to go up the road in separate sections. He couldn't tell who gave the instructions. They were stopped at a point about three or four hundred yards and told to split up in twos or threes. Accused was in different parts of the procession. There were about a couple of hundred yards between the different sections. When they reached the polling place, he saw accused there. He was standing outside.

Mr. Cassidy—Had you any instructions as to how you should mark your ballot?

Witness—It was an understood thing among the party how they were to be marked.

Mr. Cassidy—Who were they to be marked for?

Witness—For Mr. Paterson.

Mr. Cassidy—Did you hear accused giving instructions for others to mark their ballots for Paterson?

Witness—Yes, I did.

Mr. Cassidy—Give me an instance of that?

Witness—He was instructing a man named Bowe.

Mr. Cassidy—What was he telling him?

Witness—How to vote for Paterson. He showed him how to mark a ballot, instructing him in the manner of voting. Bowe, who was a subsequent witness stated that he could not read or write.

Mr. Cassidy to McKenzie—Did you vote?

Witness—I did not.

Mr. Cassidy—You went up and did not vote. Why didn't you vote?

Witness—Well, I don't need to answer. Mr. Cassidy—You had reasons I suppose. Probably good ones. Do you know Hannan. Was he there?

Witness—Yes, I first saw him on board the boat.

Mr. Cassidy—Did you get your \$5?

Witness—No, sir.

Mr. Cassidy—How did that come about?

Witness—I got fooled I guess.

Cross-examined by Mr. Powell—Witness said he knew Dave Coulter. He did not tell him he had voted. He got \$4 from Coulter. He last saw Darlington on Sunday on board the Charmer. He came here because Campbell and Monro, police officers, came to his room in Vancouver and told him he was wanted here.



## C. P. R. Strike Is Spreading

Supt. Marpole Gives Out Statement of the Company's Position.

Vancouver Freight Handlers Idle and More Employees Stop Work Today.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, March 2.—Mr. Marpole issued a long statement on the strike today, in which he claimed that the strike was not a strike at all, but a strike against the C. P. R. and that the company was not responsible for it. He stated that the company was not a party to the strike, and that the strikers were not entitled to the company's sympathy. He also stated that the company was not a party to the strike, and that the strikers were not entitled to the company's sympathy.

The freight handlers, 100 strong, went out today and things are very quiet on the wharves, as the stevedores and teamsters refused to work with non-union men. The strikers are now being paid by the company, and the strikers are now being paid by the company.

FIGURES ARE INSTRUCTIVE.

The Reason Why Mines Are Not Paying Regular Dividends.

Few mining countries in America have, or have had, better surface showings than British Columbia, says the Nelson (British Columbia) Miner. The province is rich in minerals, and the mines are now being paid by the company.

While the nine mines have named dividends aggregating \$5,102,587 on capitalization of \$18,650,000, the bulk of the dividends were paid before the shares of the several companies were unloaded on the investing public. The shares were unloaded on the investing public, and the shares were unloaded on the investing public.

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## ILLEGAL FISHING.

A Strange Proposal by the Ohio Fish Commissioners.

Ottawa, March 2.—(Special).—The fishery commissioners of the state of Ohio have lately trouble with fishermen catching fish out of season. When a United States revenue cutter approaches they move over the line into Canadian waters. A request has been placed on the department here to place two Canadian officers on the United States cutter so that when poachers enter Canadian waters they can be arrested. The proposal is not likely to be entertained by the Ottawa authorities.

MRS. GOUDY DEAD.

Had Only Been Married a Few Days—Deaths in Westminster.

Vancouver, B. C., March 2.—(Special).—Mrs. Goudy died today of heart disease. She had been married to Wm. Goudy of London only a few days. She was formerly married to J. J. Blake, first city solicitor of Vancouver, and before that married to Mr. A. Fawcett. Mr. Fawcett was burnt to death in a great fire at Vancouver, and Mr. Blake committed suicide some years ago. Westminster, March 2.—(Special).—The death occurred here on Sunday of Robert Cross, aged 56 years. Deceased was a native of Ireland, but emigrated to Canada, becoming a pioneer of Wellington county, Ontario. Fourteen years ago he removed here, where several of a large family resided, the sons being owners of a floating dry dock. Edith Muir, of Sooke, died in the hospital here today from consumption.

POLICE CHARGE

TH STRIKERS

Conflict at Sydney Between Authorities and Crowd of Angry Italians.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Sydney, C. B., March 2.—This morning 300 Italian laborers assembled at the gates of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and attempted to prevent the iron workers from going to work. A body of strikers, armed with knives and sticks, was charged by the police and a fierce fight occurred. Quiet was finally restored. Several Italians have been arrested, but the ringleaders are still at large and further trouble is feared. The Italians who were engaged in Montreal complain they are not being paid the wages contracted for.

FOR BLOYS.

Test of New Light Proves Successful at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 2.—(Special).—A test has just been made at night for gas burners consisting of acetylene and oil gas. It proved eminently satisfactory.

STEEL RAILS.

Contract Let For Supplying the Intercolonial Railway.

Ottawa, Ont., March 2.—(Special).—At a meeting of the cabinet a contract for supplying 25,000 tons of steel rails for the Intercolonial railway was awarded to an English firm at prices somewhat higher than was estimated, due to the rise in the market.

OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

Fred T. Condon Appointed Administrator of the Yukon District.

Ottawa, March 2.—Fred T. Condon crown prosecutor for Yukon, has been appointed by order-in-council, commissaire of the Yukon in place of Hon. J. H. Ross, who was elected to parliament.

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Seattle Capitalists Secure Possession of Vancouver Island Iron Deposits.

Extensive Iron and Steel Works to Be Located at Seattle.

As noted in the Colonist some three months ago, a company has been formed in Seattle to establish a great iron and steel industry at that city through which it is proposed to exploit the iron ores of Vancouver Island. The enterprise, outlined in the Seattle papers about December of last year, has now taken definite shape, and the Times of that city now announces that the name of the company is the Seattle Iron & Steel Company, and its purpose is to acquire and operate iron mines in this and other states and British Columbia, to operate iron furnaces, rolling mills, rail mills, steel mills, tin plate mills, foundries and the centre of the field of operations which the company will exploit will be Seattle, where the furnaces will be erected.

The promoter of this company is Homer Swamy, who has acquired the iron deposits at Strath, Copper Island, Sechart and Texada Island, and whose experiments at Ironlake, Wash., have demonstrated that the iron ores of British Columbia are the best in the world for the manufacture of iron and steel.

The operations of the new concern will be observed with British Columbia who will have to look on while the natural resources of their province are being turned to the advantage of a foreign country.

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Your druggist will refund your money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Ringworms, Eczema, Old Ulcers and Sores, Pimples and Blackheads on the face, and all skin diseases, 50 cents. If your druggist hasn't it in stock send 50 cents in stamps to the Paris Medicine Co., 100 St. Louis, Mo., who also manufacture Lavative Bromo-Quinine, the celebrated Cold cure.

A strike embracing the building trade has been declared at St. Catharines. The men demand eight hours and increase in wages. About 250 are out.

Boys' and youths' overcoat prices cut a two for cash until after stock-taking. B. Williams & Co.

SAVED BY GOOD MEMORY.

A Prisoner Who Pleaded an Alibi in Defence.

An Australian paper reported, as long ago as 1846, the following scene which occurred in the supreme court of Sydney, during a trial for robbery. An alibi was pleaded for the prisoner. At the close of the robbery he was in his own hut, listening to the recital of Horace Walpole's "Old English Baron," which a man named Lane had, with other novels, committed to memory. Lane was two hours and a half repeating the tale.

This statement seemed so incredible that the attorney-general for the prosecution asked Lane if he really meant to assert that he could occupy two hours and a half with his recitation. "I could," replied the witness, "and I will, if you replied the witness, 'and I will, if you said the attorney-general, and to the great surprise, not less of the learned gentleman than of the court and audience, 'He!' commented."

"In the time of King Henry, when the good Duke Humphrey returned from the wars in the Holy Land, where he had been fighting for a number of years, there lived in London a man who went on for several minutes, in a one and one-half hour, and he should be allowed to prove it, with the time occupied in the recitation, by speaking the whole novel. The chief justice was in great consternation at this, and exclaimed:

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Bible Readings.—Bishop Perrin will begin his Lenten Bible readings in Christ Church cathedral at 3 o'clock today.

Ministerial Association.—The Ministerial Association met yesterday morning in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 10:30 a. m. After a lot of general routine business had been discussed, a very interesting paper on the "Tropics of Jerimiah" was read by the Rev. Mr. Ewing. The essay dealt principally with the prophet's career, his place in history, his influence on his own times and on his predictions.

Live Wire.—A live wire fell last night about 9 o'clock in front of Mellor's paint shop on Port street, and remained suspended just above the sidewalk. Two pedestrians who spotted it, telephoned to the police, and remained on guard to warn people until a constable arrived and took charge, keeping passers by from touching it until the deadly current. Among those who narrowly escaped being shocked was Joseph Hunter, M. P. P., who was saved from the wire's "sphere of influence" by Dr. Mitchell of Adlin.

Interesting Lecture.—The Rev. J. Woods will give a lecture on "Bermuda, the Land of the Lily and Rose," in the Reform Baptist Sunday school room on the 14th of this month. Mr. Woods resided in Bermuda for over ten years and is thoroughly conversant with the island, and its inhabitants. This lecture has been given in many of the largest cities in the United States to thousands of people, and is illustrated with 50 lantern slides. For three years Mr. Woods lectured in the United States for the (Quebec Steamship Company, which owns the boats that run between New York and Bermuda.

STRUCK A REEF.

Tag Holyoke to Be Hauled Out to Be Surveyed.

The tug Holyoke, Capt. Hall, is to be hauled out at Moran's yard today for an examination as to the injuries she sustained in running on the reef projecting from Blakeley rock, near Port Blakeley. Capt. Hall says the vessel is not leaking and the degree of damage he thinks therefore, that she was in no wise seriously damaged. However, it is known that she tore away her shoe and a piece of the keel. The tug at the end of the night was returned from Port Blakeley, whither she had towed the ship Prince Robert.

SAVE GAS STOVE BILLS.

Clark's Lunch Tongues are juicy and appetizing. They are cooked; just open the tin and serve. Save work and Gas Stove bills, and cannot be improved on. Ask your grocer.

K. J. Burns, local agent of the Great Northern railway, has been advised by cable from Yokohama, that the Japanese ship Sakura is on her way to Victoria on February 27th.

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eva of this port has been condemned by a board of survey, which examined the vessel and found which port she went for repairs after encountering a heavy gale off the islands. No advices have been received by the Victoria Sealing Company, which despatched the *Geneva*. The last word they received was from Capt. James that he had a severe storm boom had been broken and asking money for repairs. He gave no word of the desertion of seven of his crew, as was afterwards reported.

The sealing schooner *Geneva* was brought to Victoria from Halifax by Capt. H. P. Siewerd, in 1891, and made the passage around the Horn in 100 days—the best time made by any of the schooners which were brought around last season the schooner started off the coast with a white crew, and secured the largest catch of the fleet—891 skins. She was fitted out for a cruise off the Coast and to Copper in the summer of 1892, and was fitted out, and with a full crew of 20 men, officers, and sailed for the coast on April 1 in the command of Capt. D. L. Jones, who for some years before had been engaged in the stercorizing business in conjunction with F. M. Yorke, now of San Francisco.

The sealing schooner *City of Seattle*, designed for a sealing cruise on Sunday, carrying a full crew of white men, was fitted out by the Victoria Sealing Company. The Director is expected to sail early for the Coast, to ship an Indian crew.

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The Finance Committee, having considered the undermentioned subjects, would recommend the following for the adoption of the Council, and the approval of the Board:

It is recommended that the Outer Wharf road from Government street, to Dalms road, be repaved at an estimated cost of \$1,500, and that the lots on those be obtained from the lots belonging to A.E. sis. L. & A. Hosten.

It is recommended that the city engineer be requested to bring the schedule of items of work requested or required up to date, and indicate what work should be done in the near future. This is a matter most urgently, in the order in which that agency exists.

The report was adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

The following tenders were received, viz: for iron goods and pipe fittings, 11; for lead pipe, 10; for valves, 10; for carbons, 10; for gages, 4; and for flexible cable, 10; herewith detailed.

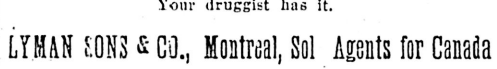
It would recommend that the contract be awarded as follows, viz: For iron goods and pipe fittings, to Messrs. J. & S. G. Prior & Co., at \$4.40 per 100 lbs; for carbons, to the Canadian General Electric Co., for \$8.67; for gages, to Messrs. J. & S. G. Prior & Co., for \$640; for flexible cable, to the Canadian General Electric Co., for \$190. These being in each case the lowest tender.

The lowest tender for valves does not comply with the specification, so we do not commend that.

It is recommended that the contract for the "Reuss" valves, for \$288.75, be awarded to Messrs. J. & S. G. Prior & Co.

We also recommend that the Board's agent be instructed to issue this order.

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**THE FERNIE TROUBLE.**

There seems to be a very fair outlook for the settlement of the strike at Fernie through the exertions of the arbitration committee appointed by the Mining Association. This much at any rate will be accomplished that the root and foundation of the difficulty will be investigated on the spot by a committee representing organized labor, capital, and the business interests of the province. This committee has been promised full opportunity, so far as the Crow's Nest Coal Company is concerned, of investigating all the conditions of labor in the mines. It is not likely that the striking miners will refuse to lay their case before the committee. In this way the fullest publicity will be given to all the circumstances which have led up to this disastrous dispute. From publicity to settlement is only a short step taken by common sense over the dead body of class prejudice. That step will surely be taken, and an agreement entered into between the company and its employees which will contain a guarantee of lasting peace, and restore to the mining and smelting industries of Kootenay and Yale the bright promise with which the year 1903 began. While every credit is to be given to the Mining Association for the definite and positive manner in which it has faced this serious question, no small credit is also due to Colonel Prior, the minister of mines, for the ready way in which he took advantage of a practical suggestion to bring about a settlement. There is seldom any hesitancy about the Colonel's action, and there was none here. He is not like many men who discuss things, and perhaps accept them as good, but then neither stir hand nor foot to carry into action the results of deliberation. With him to make up his mind that a certain thing is right and should be done, is to do it. In fact the doing of definite things is the part of the process he prefers. It is not such a man the man who is most urgently needed in this province in precisely the position Colonel Prior occupies? A man who does things may sometimes make mistakes, but a man who merely thinks and talks about things without doing them, is bound to work harm in every set of circumstances.

**THE WAR EAGLE REPORT.**

The War Eagle mine at Rossland has been so continually quoted by those who are pessimistic about the mining conditions prevailing in British Columbia that no apology is needed for referring in detail to its annual report, a synopsis of which was published in our columns on Sunday. The mine it appears was under continuous operation during the whole twelve months at a cost of \$172,096.32. Ore was shipped during only four months out of the twelve, from which the gross return, less freight and treatment, was \$207,393.44. The significance of this statement lies in the fact the ore reserves are much increased through the year's development work, so that the whole twelve months mining should not be charged against the four months shipments, because the increase of ore in sight represents value for the work done independently of the ore sold. The mine contributed under the two per cent tax \$4,144.42 to the provincial revenue, while interest and charges, municipal taxes, insurance, and sundry, ran away with \$77,144.55, a somewhat large sum representing a charge of nearly \$20,000 a month on the returns from the ore during four months shipments, as compared with \$1,100 a month contributed to the provincial exchequer. It is evident that bank interest due to excessive expenditure, or lack of equipment with adequate working capital, is a very much more serious burden upon the successful operation of the War Eagle mine than the two per cent tax. The outlook for the mine appears to be hopeful. The management is confident that the problem of milling and concentrating low-grade ores has been solved, and expects to be able to utilize the low-grade contents of the mine at a profit over the cost of extraction. Towards the successful accomplishment of this, the two per cent tax is regarded as the only drawback, because it is a drawback that is easily removed. But as the company will own its own mill, and as the charges for milling are exempted from taxation, it looks to us like a drawback more in name than in reality, and one the company could be trusted to remove for itself, even if the two per cent tax remained on the statute book. So long as human nature remains what it is, the province of British Columbia will never get any large amount of revenue from low grade ores under the two per cent tax. We have a great deal more sympathy with the miner of high grade ore in small quantities, who is mining under great difficulties and shipping to a custom smelter. His cost of mining, which is taxed, is usually very high, and he has no opportunity to offset some

of his mining cost with smelting or milling profit, which is exempt from taxation. The taxation of mines is one of our hardest fiscal problems. But as the two per cent tax is evidently causing irritation entirely out of proportion to the revenue derived from it, some other method of taxation will have to be attempted. As a whole we should think the War Eagle report would be interpreted as an indication of the solidity and permanence of the Rossland camp, and as giving indications of a great expansion of its productive capacity in the near future.

**CROWN GRANTS TO PLACER LEASES.**

In the discussion of this question there seems to be some confusion of opinion. A Crown grant is a permanent title, but all permanent titles are not Crown grants. A lease upon certain conditions of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, is to all intents and purposes a permanent title. So is a fee, which is simply a lease in perpetuity subject to the payment of an annual sum. In a Crown grant, or deed, the fee of a property is transferred from one party to another, which makes a very vast difference. Suppose a certain rate of taxation is levied instead of a rental, that rate can be raised or lowered every year or abolished for that matter. But a lease is fixed during its term or forever, if it be in the form of a fee. Furthermore, an unpaid tax is merely a debt for the collection of which legislative machinery may be devised, but in the collection of which the equity of the owner must be respected. An unpaid rental on the other hand determines the interest of the lessee in the premises altogether. Which is the best system under which to have gold-bearing ground worked is a question, but it is a question into which the element of permanency of title or the reverse, does not enter.

**IRON AND STEEL.**

Seattle's capitalists and business men have perfected the organization of a company which will centre at Seattle all of the iron and steel manufacturing interests of the Coast, which will provide for the erection here of immense iron and steel furnaces, attracting around them rolling mills, steel plate, steel rail, and tin plate mills, foundries, engine works, stove works, nail works, chain works, wire works, and a numberless multitude of similar factories for the production of iron and steel manufactures. They have taken over the Ironclad furnace and the Barclay Sound iron mines, secured options on numerous Washington and British Columbia iron properties, and will immediately enter upon the development at Seattle of the manufacture of iron and steel on an enormous scale.

By the above summary the Seattle Times introduces a full description of the company formed in Seattle to take over the Ironclad furnaces and the Barclay Sound iron mines, and to establish the business of iron founding in Seattle. The industry, if established in Seattle, will be entirely dependent upon raw material produced from Canadian deposits of iron ore. For a long time we have been conscious of a movement in connection with the industries of iron and steel making on this Coast, distinctly hostile to Canadian industrialism, and we have from time to time endeavored, with very poor success, to arouse a wakeful and healthy public opinion on the subject. Controlling the raw material, we control the situation, and can compel the establishment of these works on Canadian soil, if we take the proper steps to do so.

We hope that it is true as is reported, that development work is to be resumed at the Lenora mine on Mount Sicker. Its resumption would give a distinct impetus to the mineral development of an important section of Vancouver Island.

There is going on at present in New York a unique contest in the shape of a competition between automatic voting machines of different patterns. Five machines are on exhibition, but there will be no award, as the contest is simply to gather information on the subject of voting machines.

This morning we publish the report of the shareholders' meeting of the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings Company. The company has had a successful year and that in spite of business depression in many parts of the Kootenays, where it does business. All the officials have been unanimously re-elected by the shareholders who have thus endorsed in the fullest way the policy carried out so successfully by the company.

Reference to D. W. Higgins, who was elected second vice-president of the Mining Association, was accidentally omitted in our editorial resume of the Convention's labors on Sunday morning. The editorial was written before Mr. Higgins' election took place. In honoring him by this token of its esteem, the Association did him no more than justice for his valuable services during the sessions of the Convention, in which he put his great knowledge of procedure at the service of the Association.

It has been suggested that a re-union of old-time Victorians would be the means of renewing many associations which with the lapse of time are gradually being lost sight of. Something of a similar nature is being organized in Toronto, and it is expected that the movement will result in thousands of former Victorians from all parts of the Dominion and United States meeting in their old home for a few weeks next summer. The idea might be taken up by the Tourist Association and worked out with good results.

Watering carts out on the second of March! Surely this is a recent occurrence for any part of British Columbia. They say March 2nd is worth its weight in gold. There was some round Victoria yesterday which we believe could have been bought cheaper. Two or three weeks of perfect bright, sunny weather, which brought the flowers into bloom and set the bees to work, was succeeded yesterday by a wind from the North without rain or cloud, which raised volumes of dust in every portion of the city. March seldom introduced itself in a more typical manner.

It will be a pity if the Canadian Government has done for the fishing industry on the Detroit river, is not done for the salmon fishing industry on the British Columbia Coast. On the Detroit river the Canadian fishermen were

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under severe restrictions made by Government with the view of preserving the fish. The American fishermen were under no restrictions. As a consequence the fish were destroyed just the same, but the American industry had all the benefit of their depletion. Precisely a similar state of affairs exists in British Columbia. The Dominion Government has removed all restrictions from the Canadian fishermen on the Detroit river. So that if the fish are to be exterminated for lack of them, Canadian industry will at least gain some advantage during their extermination. Since for the Detroit river goes to the British Columbia gander if British Columbia is not too far away from Ottawa and too unfruitful there, for similar conditions to produce similar results.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

**WHAT HE SAID.**  
Sir, Please allow me to correct the very serious errors in your report of my speech at the meeting of the British Columbia Mining Association. I am not a member of the Association, and I am not a miner. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am not a member of the Association, and I am not a miner. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am not a member of the Association, and I am not a miner. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver.

**JOSEPH HUNTER.**  
Y. M. C. A.  
Sir, I see an endeavor is being made to start a Y. M. C. A. in Victoria. I presume, by those who are working for it, that the Y. M. C. A. is a good thing, and that it is a good thing to have a Y. M. C. A. in every city. I am not a member of the Y. M. C. A., and I am not a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am not a member of the Y. M. C. A., and I am not a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver.

**IMPERIAL FEDERATION.**  
Sir, In the address of Dr. Parkin to the Council of the British Empire, on Saturday, the Doctor said: "Canada, as I should do all they can to impress on Great Britain the importance of the Empire, and to make it clear to the British people that the Empire is a thing which is worth fighting for. I am not a member of the British Empire, and I am not a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am not a member of the British Empire, and I am not a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver."

**ALASKAN BOUNDARY.**  
Sir, The Alaskan boundary is to be determined by means of a boundary commission. The commission is to be composed of three members, one from each country, and one from the United States. The commission is to be appointed by the President of the United States. I am not a member of the commission, and I am not a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am not a member of the commission, and I am not a resident of the city of Vancouver. I am a lawyer, and I am a resident of the city of Vancouver.

**PROVINCIAL PRESS.**  
From Vancouver World.  
While Victoria's noted folders and more elaborate handbooks have been in evidence everywhere, and the work of its association has been commended general commendation, the Victoria Tourist Association has put forth with hesitancy and some shame a little folder which even officers of the association admit is not what it should be, and have furnished attention chiefly to the creditable booklet—but which is not yet out.

attention will be paid to the need of appointing one or two who, acting in fact of known reputation have some special knowledge and acquaintance with the territory in question. The knowledge will be assumed by those appointed by the United States, as residence alone on this continent affords considerable knowledge of this kind, especially in the case of those who have spent the Pacific coast—as undoubtedly the number for adjudication has been of a public nature for some time.

Reverting to the question of England's forgetfulness of the past, let us not forget that even our fellow-countrymen and the government of the day at Ottawa, as well as past governments, have at times not given such attention to matters of importance in the West as we would wish, and less has been sustained by reason of innocent knowledge. This being the case, we cannot wonder at the mistakes of the past, but we must see that they do not occur in the future. It would be a fitting and graceful act on the part of the Imperial government to consult with the Dominion government as to the representatives to be appointed, and the Dominion government should not be ungrateful to the Imperial government for the vast importance of the matter, and, therefore, in recommending, should be full to name men of the highest ability and force of character—the latter is indeed an essentially British quality in all her state selections, has been the highest in the Dominion, notably Lord Hesse-Id, Lord Russell of Kilowen, Lord A. Gordon-Lennox, and Lord Macdougall. The Bench of the W. at Macdougall is eminently a Western matter, a Pacific Coast matter, the Bench of the W. at Macdougall is eminently a Western matter, a Pacific Coast matter, the Bench of the W. at Macdougall is eminently a Western matter, a Pacific Coast matter.

**KOOTENAY TIMBER.**  
From Rossland Miner.  
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## Story of

## "Machine."

(Continued From Page One.)

Mr. Powell—You say you did not

vote? Witness—I did not.

Mr. Powell—What did you go for?

Witness—I don't know. To get \$5, or

rather \$3, I suppose. Mr. Powell—

Mr. Powell—Did you know you

were going to get \$5?

Witness—I was promised to me.

Witness, continuing, said Campbell, a

police officer, had brought him to Vic-

toria hotel in Vancouver. He was

told. Witness had not told others that

he did not talk to the polling clerk, or

returning officer at Galliano island, and

did not ask for a ballot paper.

He examined by Mr. Cassidy. He said

the Coulter referred to was the same

Coulter who had given him instructions

regarding the affair five days before.

John Bowe said he lived at the Klon-

dike hotel in Vancouver. He remem-

bered the 23rd of December, the date of

the North Victoria election. He knew

the accused. He saw him the night

before the boat started. He stayed at

the Klon-dike hotel. He had seen the

accused on the boat about 11 o'clock

that night. He didn't say what for. He

told me that there was \$5 in it for me, but

he did not tell him then what I was to

do. Witness went to the boat about

3 o'clock in the morning. He happened

to meet the accused and he (accused)

told witness that the boat would not

go until about 3 o'clock. Witness went

to the boat—he was not told his

name. He went on board alone. There

were three or four others there when he

arrived. Others came later and there

were about 20 or 25. Accused being

among them when the boat started. The

accused gave him a small piece of paper

on board the boat. It had writing with

pencil on it. He did not read it—he

could not read. He was told by Brocky Phil

what the name was and it was the name

of a farmer. He was instructed what

to do by the accused. He was to vote

for Mr. Patterson. He was shown how

to put his mark on the ballot.

Witness illustrated on a slip of paper

given him by Mr. Cassidy how he had

marked the ballot. He showed where

Mr. Patterson's name had been printed

and how he had been instructed to mark

his ballot. He did not know which name

was that of Patterson, he marked his

cross opposite the top name, which was

that of Mr. Patterson on the ballot pa-

per.

He went with the steamer to some

place, he did not know where. They

arrived about daylight, and all went

ashore. They went to a polling place.

He saw Brocky Phil, the accused, stand-

ing outside. McKenzie was with the

crowd. Witness got the \$5. He got it

from Brocky Phil. He was told to go

on the steamer. As far as he could make

out the accused was running the expedi-

tion. Cross-examined by Mr. Powell—

Witness was asked if he had voted.

Mr. Cassidy objected. He said wit-

ness was not bound to answer. He pointed

out that under the Evidence Act

counsel could not put questions to a

witness against the character or to test

witness's credibility that were irrelevant

to the issue.

Mr. Powell contended that he had the

right to ask the question.

The court sustained Mr. Cassidy's ob-

jection.

Mr. Powell—You were paid \$5. What

for voting?

Witness—Yes, for voting.

D. Campbell Reddie, deputy provincial

secretary, said he had custody of the

voters' lists used at the North Vic-

toria election. They were returned to

him in the usual course by the returning

officer. He put in a certified copy of

the voters list used at the North Vic-

toria election.

The case was adjourned at 1 p. m.

to 8 p. m.

When the case was resumed last

night, William R. Cadman was called.

He was not present, for it seems that

Cadman—who is a saw-sharper on

Johnson street—thought his infir-

mity would prevent his appearing, and

did not think so. He served the sub-

poena and told Cadman to appear in

court at 8 a. m. Cadman failed to ap-

pear, and as the prosecution wanted

to show that Solomon Cadman, who

whose name Darlington has sworn that

he voted, at the suggestion of accused,

was now out of the country, a warrant

was issued. Constable Campbell went

forth with the warrant, and after a

short search, he found the house of

Harry Lindley's show—and haled him to

the court.

When Cadman took the stand, Mr.

Cassidy pointed out that it was not the

right way to do it, and that the mag-

istrates were at liberty to adjourn

and have him arrested and locked up

all night.

Cadman argued. He claimed that the

summons was not properly served. The

officers had not called on him. He said

"Didn't you read it?" asked Mr.

Cassidy.

"I did not," replied the witness. "It

was thrown on my table. It wasn't my

place to read it, and I ain't much good

at reading or writing, anyway."

And after arguing this, William Cad-

man said he was a namesake of Sol-

omon Cadman, and corresponded with

him. Solomon Cadman had lived on a

farm between North Saanich and Sid-

ney, and about 1890 he had come to

Victoria, and about a half year ago and

he had not come back. Witness had

received a letter from him in December

last, written in England, and had not

spoken of coming back. As far as wit-

ness knew, Cadman was still in Eng-

land.

Joseph Wittie then told of how the

gang of impersonators was rounded up.

He said he lived in Vancouver and re-

membered the date of the North Vic-

toria election. He saw accused on the

night of December 22, the night preced-

ing the election, at the New Fountain

hotel. The accused came in when wit-

ness was talking to Scotty Anderson.

Accused passed the time of day to wit-

ness and called him to one side. Ac-

cused said: "I've got a job for you, but

I want you to keep sober." Witness

replied: "You can rely on that; there's

not enough liquor in town."

Mr. Cassidy—Did he tell you what the

job was worth?

Witness—He said, "You wait here and

I'll call for you at 11." He didn't say

what the job was, or what I was to get

for it. He said he was going to muster

the gang at 11 o'clock.

Witness, continuing, said that about

11 o'clock he, Scotty Anderson, and

Darlington took a walk down to the

Europe hotel. They went there because

that was where the gang was supposed

to meet. He got to the Europe about

11:15, and saw accused there. He re-

cognized McKenzie, who was in court,

as one of those present. He didn't see

Bowe.

When they got to the Europe hotel

they all went into the sitting room.

There was a big crowd there. All were

talking about the job they were going

to do. As the conversation did not

take place in the presence of accused,

witness could not detail it. He saw ac-

cused about 12:15 p. m. He was going

into a box. There were different men

going into this private box afterwards.

They were going in to have an under-

standing about this job they were go-

ing to do. Witness said to some of those

that he was going to do it for him. We

wanted to have an understanding, as

he had been held in suspense long

enough. He found Scotty Anderson,

the accused, Billy the Butcher—mean-

ing Darlington—and others in the box.

Brocky Phil—Bowe was rounding

up his gang. He had a book in his

hand, which he had taken from his

pocket. Witness asked accused if he

had got his name down? Accused re-

plied that he was sorry he couldn't take

him, as the gang had been made up at 9

o'clock. Witness did not know what the

job was they were going on then. He

was trying to find out at that time. He

learned afterwards. When accused told

him that he had not put his name down,

witness said, "That's not a nice thing

to do. Here you go and cut me out, and

I've been hanging around since 6

o'clock." Accused replied: "Well, I

can't take you, and that's all there is to

it. I've got too many now."

This practically closes the case against

Philip Robinson as far as the case for

inducing William Darlington to im-

personate a voter is concerned. There are

other cases, though. A new one was

laid against Robinson last night, charg-

ing him with inducing John Bowe to

impersonate a voter at the North Vic-

toria election.

The case against James Hannan, an-

other of those implicated in this expedi-

tion, was dismissed, the evidence against

him not being direct. The case which

occupied the court yesterday was re-

sumed until this morning at 11 o'clock,

when the prosecution will probably close

its case.

The Inland Revenue returns for the

month were:

Imports—

Free .....

Dutiable .....

Exports—

Domestic .....

Foreign .....

Total .....

Revenue—

Duty .....

Chinese tax .....

Sundry .....











